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DURHAM, N.C. (AP)—The re-tileng director of the U.S. Infor-metion Agency said today, The manner in which we work out our race-relations problems will determine our prestige more than any other, single element in our na-tional life."

George V. Allen made the remark in a message read at a special luncheon at Duke University Property S. Ren special function at Duke University honoring Dr. Robert S. Rankin, a veteran university faculty member now serving on the U.S. Civil Rights commission.

Allen said, "I have every confidence that we shall find the solution to this problem as long as

fidence that we shall find the so-lution to this problem as long as we have men as sensible as Bob Rankin in positions of authority." Other tributes to Rankin came from U.S. Sens, B. Evenett Jord-an and Sam J. Ervin Jr.; B. S Womble of Winston-Salem, chairman of the Duke Board of Trustees; Dr John A. Hannah, chairman of the Civil Rights Commissicn, and from other commission members.

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